

Our Lady of Lourdes School
Treasurer's Report to the Annual Community Meeting
24 November 2021

2020 Annual Financial Statements – Accrual Accounting

The audited 2020 Special Purpose Financial Statements were submitted to CEWA showing a final surplus of \$177,278 (compared to the 2019 surplus of \$49,830 and 2018 deficit of \$169,481), after depreciation of \$90,789, resulting from annual income in 2020 of \$3,043,295 and related expenditure of \$2,775,227.

2021 Financial Records – Accrual Accounting

In its fourth year of Accrual accounting, the school has gone from strength to strength. Enrolments have remained steady, resulting in secure State and Federal funding. This year the school began the Capital Development Project, which had been planned and included in the budget for several years. Some minor costs have overrun the capital budget but were covered by provisions in the contract price. At this stage of the project, the financial situation is looking good, with no surprises.

The school has been fortunate to have good cash flow almost all of the time throughout the project. Funding of the project has been through a low-interest government loan and a capital grant, supplemented by some of the school's accumulated savings.

Once again, many Health Care Cards were registered this year by families claiming the discounts on fees and amenities. The school receives some grant funding to substantiate these mandatory discounts.

Fees were billed in full in February and have been efficiently collected, thanks to families setting up and keeping to payment plans, using the Fee Payment Form. The School Advisory Council is not concerned about any outstanding debts at year end.

2022 Budget

Each year up until 2020, the Catholic Education Commission of WA has determined and advised schools of a maximum percentage increase which applies to tuition fees. In 2020 CECWA declared that no tuition fee increases would happen, in order to continue to assist families who may have struggled during the time of Covid-19. However, in 2021, CECWA recommended a fee increase of up to 2%. The SAC endorsed the school's recommended fee increase of only 1% on tuition fees. Some third-party fees will be increased by a few dollars in 2022, eg Edu-dance.

The budget for 2022 has been endorsed by the School Advisory Council and submitted to CEWA. Despite only a 1% fee increase, the 2022 budget is balanced and cash flow is forecast to be positive.

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